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In re application of :  
Rhona H. BORTS et al. : Docket No. 00263/SJW/JM/1165-US  
Serial No. 09/155,452 : Group Art Unit 1632  
Filed October 23, 1998 : Examiner P. Brunovskis  
MEIOTIC RECOMBINATION *IN VIVO* :  
OF PARTIALLY HOMOLOGOUS DNA :  
SEQUENCES : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 14, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 12 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

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11. (Amended) A process of enabling meiotic recombination *in vivo* of partially homologous DNA sequences having up to 30% of base mismatches in eukaryotic cells, said process comprising

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